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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO JORDAN ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN TURKMENISTAN

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1. (C) PolCouns and Italian DCM Nicola Lener (representing the EU presidency) jointly delivered ref points on the EU draft UNGA resolution on human rights in Turkmenistan to Ayman Aamiri, Acting Director of the International Organizations Directorate of the MFA on November 20. Lener and PolCouns asked that Jordan support the draft resolution. Aamiri, who was familiar with the resolution, commented that Jordan usually followed the Islamic Conference bloc vote in matters pertaining to OIC members, but sometimes made exceptions. He noted that the government of Turkmenistan had communicated with Jordan's non-resident Embassy in Tashkent that it had felt "surprised and taken aback" by the draft and had been "trying to cooperate" with the UN and EU on human rights issues. Aamiri said he would bring the U.S.-EU demarche to the attention of Foreign Minister Muasher and Jordan's UN Mission in New York.

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